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Subpart A—General Provisions

§659.1 Purpose.

This part implements 49 U.S.C. 5330 by requiring a State to oversee the safety of rail fixed guideway systems through a designated oversight agency.

§659.3 Scope.

This part applies to a State that has within its boundaries a rail fixed guideway system not regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

§659.5 Definitions.

As used in this part—

Accident means any event involving the revenue service operation of a rail fixed guideway system if as a result:

(1) An individual dies;

(2) An individual suffers bodily injury and immediately receives medical treatment away from the scene of the accident; or

(3) A collision, derailment, or fire causes property damage in excess of \$100,000.

APTA Guidelines means the American Public Transit Association's "Manual for the Development of Rail Transit System Safety Program Plans," published on August 20, 1991.

Contractor means an entity that performs tasks required by this part on behalf of the oversight or transit agency. The transit agency may not be a contractor for the oversight agency.

FTA means the Federal Transit Administration, an agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Hazardous condition means a condition that may endanger human life or property. It includes unacceptable hazardous conditions.

Investigation means a process to determine the probable cause of an accident or an unacceptable hazardous condition; it may involve no more than a review and approval of the transit agency's determination of the probable cause of an accident or unacceptable hazardous condition.

Oversight agency means the entity, other than the transit agency, designated by the State or several States to implement this part.

Rail fixed guideway system means any light, heavy, or rapid rail system, monorail, inclined plane, funicular, trolley, or automated guideway that is:

(1) Included in FTA's calculation of fixed guideway route miles or receives funding under FTA's formula program for urbanized areas (49 U.S.C. 5336); and

(2) Not regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Safety means freedom from danger.

Safety review means a formal, comprehensive, on-site examination by the oversight agency of a transit agency's safety practices to determine whether they comply with the policies and procedures required under the transit agency's system safety program plan.

Security means freedom from intentional danger.

System safety program plan means a document adopted by the transit agency detailing its safety policies, objectives, responsibilities, and procedures.

System safety program standard means the standard developed and adopted by the State oversight agency which, at a

minimum, complies with the APTA Guidelines and which addresses personal security.

Transit agency means an entity operating a rail fixed guideway system.

Unacceptable hazardous condition means a hazardous condition determined to be an unacceptable hazardous condition using the APTA Guidelines' Hazard Resolution Matrix (APTA Guidelines, checklist number 7).

§ 659.7 Withholding of funds for non-compliance.

The Administrator of the FTA may withhold up to five percent of the amount required to be apportioned for use in any State or affected urbanized area in such State under FTA's formula program for urbanized areas for any fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1997, if the State in the previous fiscal year has not met the requirements of this part and the Administrator determines that the State is not making adequate efforts to comply with this part.

Subpart B—The Role of the State

§ 659.21 Designation of oversight agency.

(a) For a transit agency or agencies operating within a single State, the State must designate an agency of the State, other than a transit agency, to serve as the oversight agency and to implement the requirements of this part.

(b) For a transit agency operating a system within more than one State, those States may designate a single entity, other than the transit agency, to implement the requirements of this part.

§ 659.23 Confidential investigation reports.

The State may prohibit an investigation report that may be prepared by the oversight agency from being admitted into evidence or used in a civil action for damages resulting from a matter mentioned in the report.

Subpart C—The Oversight Agency's Role

§ 659.31 The system safety program standard.

(a) The oversight agency must develop and adopt a system safety program standard that, at a minimum—

(1) Complies with the American Public Transit Association's "Manual for the Development of Rail Transit System Safety Program Plans" (APTA Guidelines) published on August 20, 1991, hereby incorporated by reference; and

(2) Requires the transit agency to address the personal security of its passengers and employees.

(b) The APTA Guidelines specify procedures for developing a system safety program plan, generally discuss the principles of system safety, and specifically address certain issues critical to the safe operation of a rail fixed guideway system.

(c) The incorporation by reference of the APTA Guidelines has been approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51. Copies of the APTA Guidelines may be obtained from the American Public Transit Association, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington DC 20005-3917, (202) 893-4000. The Guidelines may be inspected at, and are available from the Federal Transit Administration, Office of Safety and Security, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, and at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, DC.

§ 659.33 System safety program plans.

(a) Except as provided in § 659.33(b), the oversight agency must —

(1) Require the transit agency to implement, beginning on January 1, 1997, a system safety program plan conforming to the oversight agency's system safety program standard; and

(2) Approve in writing before January 1, 1997, the transit agency's system safety program plan.

(b) The oversight agency must —

(1) Require the transit agency to implement beginning on January 1, 1998,

the security portion of its system safety program plan; and

(2) Approve in writing before January 1, 1998, the security portions of the transit agency's system safety program plan.

(c) After December 31, 1996, the oversight agency must review and approve, in writing, the transit agency's system safety program plan, as necessary, and require the transit agency to update its system safety program plan, as necessary.

(d) The oversight agency may prohibit a transit agency from publicly disclosing the security aspects of the system safety program plan.

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§ 659.35 Transit agency annual audit reports.

The oversight agency must—

(a) Require that the transit agency submit, annually, a copy of the annual safety audit report prepared by the transit agency as a result of the Internal Safety Audit Process (APTA Guidelines, checklist number 9); and

(b) Review the annual safety audit reports prepared by the transit agency.

§ 659.37 Safety reviews.

At least every three years the oversight agency must conduct an on-site safety review of the transit agency's implementation of its system safety program plan and prepare and issue a report containing findings and recommendations resulting from that review, which, at a minimum, must include an analysis of the efficacy of the system safety program plan and a determination of whether it should be updated.

§ 659.39 Transit agency report on accidents and unacceptable hazardous conditions.

The oversight agency must require that the transit agency report accidents and unacceptable hazardous conditions to the oversight agency within a specified period of time.

§ 659.41 Investigations.

The oversight agency must—

(a) Establish procedures to investigate accidents and unacceptable hazardous conditions.

(b) Unless the National Transportation Safety Board has investigated or will investigate an accident, the oversight agency must investigate accidents and unacceptable hazardous conditions occurring at a transit agency under its jurisdiction.

§ 659.43 Corrective actions.

The oversight agency must require the transit agency to minimize, control, correct, or eliminate any investigated hazardous condition within a time period specified by and in accordance with a corrective action plan approved by the oversight agency.

§ 659.45 Oversight agency report to the Federal Transit Administration.

(a) *Initial submissions.* Before January 1, 1997, the oversight agency must submit to FTA the following information, which must be updated as necessary:

(1) The name and address of the oversight agency;

(2) The name(s) and address(es) of the transit agency or agencies subject to the oversight agency's jurisdiction under this part; and

(3) A written description of the oversight agency's oversight program including the following information:

(i) A copy of its system safety program standard;

(ii) Its procedures or process for reviewing and approving the transit agency's system safety program plan;

(iii) Its investigatory procedures; and

(iv) Its procedures for ensuring that appropriate corrective actions have been taken by the transit agency to correct, eliminate, minimize, or control investigated hazardous conditions.

(b) *Annual submissions.* Before March 15 of each year, the oversight agency must submit to FTA a publicly available annual report summarizing its oversight activities for the preceding twelve months, including a description of the most common probable causal factors of accidents and unacceptable hazardous conditions.

(c) *Periodic submissions.* Status reports of accidents, hazardous conditions, and corrective action plans must be forwarded to the FTA upon request.

(d) *Addresses.* Reports and annual summaries must be sent to: Federal Transit Administration, Office of Safety and Security, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590.

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§ 659.47 Use of contractors.

(a) The oversight agency may use a contractor to—

- (1) Develop a system safety program standard;
- (2) Review system safety program plans;
- (3) Review annual audit reports;
- (4) Conduct safety reviews;
- (5) Prepare safety review findings;
- (6) Establish investigation procedures;
- (7) Conduct investigations;
- (8) Review corrective action plans; and/or
- (9) Prepare initial or annual submissions to FTA.

(b) The oversight agency may allow a transit agency to use a contractor to—

- (1) Develop or update a system safety program plan;
- (2) Prepare annual audit reports; and/or
- (3) Develop a corrective action plan.

§ 659.49 Certification of compliance.

(a) Before January 1, 1997, and annually thereafter, the oversight agency must certify to the FTA that it has complied with the requirements of this part. Each certification shall comply with the applicable sample certification provided in the appendix to this part. Each certification shall be sent to: Federal Transit Administration, Office of Safety and Security, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590.

(b) Each certification must be signed by an official authorized by the oversight agency and must comply with the applicable sample certification provided in the appendix to this part.

Appendix to Part 659—Sample Certification of Compliance

This appendix contains an example of certification language.

I, (name), (title), certify that (name of the oversight agency) has implemented a State oversight program that meets the require-

ments of 49 CFR part 659 and further certify that I have no conflict of interest with any rail fixed guideway system overseen as a result of 49 CFR part 659, nor does (name of the oversight agency) and its contractors.

PART 661—BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS—SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1982, AS AMENDED

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§ 661.1 Applicability.

Unless otherwise noted, this part applies to all federally assisted procurements using funds authorized by the Federal Mass Transit Act of 1964, as amended; 23 U.S.C. 103(e)(4); and section 14 of the National Capital Transportation Act of 1969, as amended.

§ 661.3 Definitions.

As used in this part:

Act means the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-424), as amended by section 337 of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-17).

Administrator means the Administrator of FTA, or designee.

Component means any article, material, or supply, whether manufactured or unmanufactured, that is directly incorporated into the end product at the final assembly location.